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EAST AFRICA

Somalia

U.S. military kill two 'al-Shabab' militants and injures one other

The U. S. forces on Monday conducted an airstrike against Al-Shabaab militants in southern Somalia, killing two terrorists and injured another, the military said on Tuesday. The U.S. Africa Command (Africom) said no civilian was killed in the drone strike which was....

coastweek 28 Feb 2018

<http://www.coastweek.com/4108-US-military-forces-kill-two-al-Shabab-militants-and-injures-one-other.htm>

Somali forces capture key town from Al-Shabaab militants

The Somali National Army (SNA) on Wednesday captured Moqokori, a very strategic town in Hiraan region in central Somalia where Al-Shabaab militants were in full control earlier, an official said. "The Somali National Army took control of Moqokori town and other villages nearby in an operation this morning.

xinhuanet_en 28 Feb 2018

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/28/c_137006492.htm

CENTRAL AFRICA

Lake Chad Basin

AFRICA Lake Chad Basin Expected Council Action. The Netherlands, as Council president in March, is organising a briefing on the Lake Chad Basin, with a specific focus on the root causes of the Boko Haram crisis. Speakers are expected to include representatives from the Secretariat, possibly the Lake....

securitycouncilreport 28 Feb 2018

http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/monthly-forecast/2018-03/lake_chad_basin_1.php

Lake Chad International Conference: Full text of Buhari's address

“The time to act is now. The time to bail out the region is now. The time to show our humanity is now”, he said. Here is the full text of the president’s welcome address: Let me begin by welcoming you to Abuja on behalf of the people and Government of Nigeria and to also thank you for honouring the....

dailypost 28 Feb 2018

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/02/28/lake-chad-international-conference-full-text-buharis-address/>

Central African Republic

Six aid workers killed in Central African Republic

Unknown attackers have killed six humanitarian workers including one from the United Nations children's fund UNICEF in the northwest of the Central African Republic, the U.N. said Wednesday. The world body's Minusca mission "condemned the attack which led to the death of the six humanitarian workers....

japantoday 2:00:00 AM CET

<https://japantoday.com/category/world/Six-aid-workers-killed-in-Central-African-Republic>

Six humanitaires, dont un de l'Unicef, tués dans le nord-ouest

(Belga) Six travailleurs humanitaires, dont un du Fonds des nations unies pour l'enfance (Unicef), ont été tués dimanche dans le nord-ouest de la Centrafrique, selon un communiqué publié mercredi par la mission de l'ONU en Centrafrique, la Minusca. "La Minusca condamne le meurtre d'un personnel de....

lavenir 2:13:00 AM CET

http://www.lavenir.net/cnt/dmf20180301_01132456

Onze ex-Seleka condamnés aux travaux forcés à perpétuité

Travaux forcés à perpétuité, c'est le verdict du tribunal de Bangui à l'encontre de onze ex-Seleka, sur les douze présents devant la barre, qui comparaissaient à la session criminelle. Quatre chefs d'accusation ont été retenus contre eux sur les cinq d'origine.

centrafrique 1:10:00 AM CET

<http://centrafrique-presse.over-blog.com/2018/02/centrafrique-onze-ex-seleka-condamnes-aux-travaux-forces-a-perpetuite.html>

PAS D'INDICES D'ATTAQUE CONTRE BANGASSOU MAIS LA MINUSCA RESTE EN ALERTE

NOTE D'INFORMATION. PAS D'INDICES D'ATTAQUE CONTRE BANGASSOU MAIS LA MINUSCA RESTE EN ALERTE Bangui, le 28 février 2018 La MINUSCA réaffirme son engagement à protéger Bangassou (700 km de Bangui) et sa population, tout en soulignant qu'il n'y a pas d'indices d'une attaque en préparation contre cette ville de la préfecture du Mbomou (sud-est).

centrafrique 28 Feb 2018

<http://centrafrique-presse.over-blog.com/2018/02/pas-d-indices-d-attaque-contre-bangassou-mais-la-minusca-reste-en-alerte-minusca.html>

LRA Crisis Tracker: 2017 Annual Security Brief

Executive Summary. Armed group violence escalated considerably in the Mbomou Uele border region in 2017 compared to 2016, killing hundreds of civilians while forcing tens of thousands of others to flee their homes and alter or abandon livelihood strategies.

reliefWeb 28 Feb 2018

<https://reliefweb.int/report/central-african-republic/lra-crisis-tracker-2017-annual-security-brief>

WEST AFRICA

Mali

Six soldats et un garde forestier tués, l'armée accusée d'avoir tué sept civils

Six militaires et un garde-forestier sont morts mardi dans deux attaques attribuées à des jihadistes dans le centre du Mali, où l'armée est accusée par des familles d'avoir tué sept civils après leur arrestation le 21 février. Un véhicule des forces armées a "sauté (mardi) sur un engin....

abamako 8:43:00 AM CET

<http://news.abamako.com/h/182272.html>

Quatre Casques bleus tués dans le centre du Mali dans une attaque à l'engin explosif

Quatre Casques bleus ont été tués et quatre grièvement blessés mercredi après-midi dans le centre du Mali dans une attaque à l'engin explosif artisanal (IED), a annoncé dans un communiqué la force de l'ONU au Mali (Minusma). "Un bilan provisoire indique que quatre Casques bleus ont trouvé....

abamako 8:43:00 AM CET

<http://news.abamako.com/h/182283.html>

Niger

Missions de sécurisation entre Mali-Niger: une dizaine de bandits armés tués par la Gatia et le MSA

Le groupe d'Auto-défense Touareg Imghad et Alliés (GATIA) et le Mouvement pour le salut de l'Azawad (MSA) ont affirmé, le lundi dernier, avoir tué une dizaine de malfrats alliés à Adnan Abou WALID à la frontière entre le Mali et le Niger. Ils ont déclaré également avoir saisi d'importantes armes et....

mali-web 28 Feb 2018

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/missions-de-securisation-entre-mali-niger-une-dizaine-de-bandits-armes-tues-par-la-gatia-et-le-msa>

Le Niger face au défi du coût de la sécurité

Engagé dans la lutte contre le terrorisme, le pays y consacre 15 % de son budget. Deux ans après sa réélection, Mahamadou Issoufou doit aussi trouver les moyens d'honorer ses promesses en matière de développement économique et social. Avec des choix loin d'être populaires.

jeuneafrique 28 Feb 2018

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/mag/531887/politique/le-niger-face-au-defi-du-cout-de-la-securite/>

Nigeria

Soldier, 3 kidnappers die in rescue operation

A military officer and three suspected kidnappers were, yesterday, killed in a gun battle during efforts by the military to rescue a kidnap victim. The operation, carried out by the Nigeria Military Exercise Cat Race , occurred yesterday morning along Okene-Ajaokuta....

vanguardngr 9:14:00 AM CET

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/03/soldier-3-kidnappers-die-rescue-operation/>

Coalition Berates Yobe Govt Over Abducted Dapchi Girls

Anti-terrorism campaigner, the Coalition Against Terrorism and Extremism, CATE, has condemned the recent comment by the Yobe State Government which blamed the recent abduction of School girls in Dapchi, Yobe State on the withdrawal of troops from the area.

leadership 28 Feb 2018

<https://leadership.ng/2018/02/28/coalition-berates-yobe-govt-abducted-dapchi-girls/>

Dapchi abduction: UN calls for release of missing girls

The United Nations has expressed outrage over the abduction of 110 schoolgirls of Government Girls Technical College, Dapchi, Yobe, by suspected Boko Haram terrorists. The Secretary-General, Mr. Antonio Guterres, in a statement issued by his Spokesperson, Mr. Stephane Dujarric, “strongly condemns the abduction and attack”.

punchng 28 Feb 2018

<http://punchng.com/dapchi-abduction-un-calls-for-release-of-missing-girls/>

Nigerian govt can't tackle trafficking cartel let alone Boko Haram

Nima Elbagir has described the Nigerian government as no match to human trafficking cartel in the country, adding that a government which cannot curtail an organised human trafficking cartel could not fight an insurgent group like Boko Haram.

dailypost 28 Feb 2018

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/02/28/nigerian-govt-cant-tackle-trafficking-cartel-let-alone-boko-haram-cnn-reporter/>

NSA joins search for Dapchi schoolgirls

The National Security Adviser, (NSA) Maj.-Gen. Babagana Monguno (rtd) accompanied by the Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar and the Theater Commander, Operation Lafiya Dole, Maj.-Gen. Nicholas Rogers and other senior military officers, on Tuesday joined the search team for the Dapchi schoolgirls, newsmen report.

vanguardngr 28 Feb 2018

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/nsa-joins-search-dapchi-schoolgirls/>

Dapchi attack: Commissioner explains why parents may not allow their children to return to school again

The Commissioner for Education in Yobe state, Alhaji Mohammed Lamin has said that, the media is responsible for the current wave of fear among parents who are now nursing the idea of not sending or withdrawing their children from school across the state following the mishap in Dapchi, where 110 schoolgirls were abducted by the Boko Haram militants.

dailypost 28 Feb 2018

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/02/28/dapchi-attack-commissioner-explains-parents-may-not-allow-children-return-school/>

Dapchi schoolgirls: UN condemns Boko Haram abduction of 110 students

The United Nations has strongly condemned the abduction of 110 schoolgirls of Government Girls Technical College, Dapchi, Yobe, by suspected Boko Haram terrorists. The Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres in a statement by his spokesperson, Stephane Dujarric expressed disappointment at the abduction and attack.

dailypost 28 Feb 2018

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/02/28/dapchi-schoolgirls-un-condemns-boko-haram-abduction-110-students/>

Dapchi: Fayose indicts Buhari's govt, says Boko Haram war now business

Ekiti State Governor, Mr Ayodele Fayose, has alleged that Boko Haram has become a source of indirect treasury looting; saying “Those benefiting from Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) scams, payment of ransom (in dollars) to free those abducted by the Boko Haram insurgents, among others will never wish to see the end of the insurgency.

dailypost 28 Feb 2018

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/02/28/dapchi-fayose-indicts-buharis-govt-says-boko-haram-war-now-business/>

Boko Haram: NSA inaugurates Helipad in Borno

The National Security Adviser (NSA), retired Maj.-Gen. Babagana Monguno, on Wednesday inaugurated a helipad set up by the Nigerian Air Force in Monguno town,

to enhance its operation against the Boko Haram insurgents in the Lake Chad region. Monguno also commissioned an office complex and....

dailytrust 28 Feb 2018

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/boko-haram-nsa-inaugurates-helipad-in-borno.html>

Dapchi attack: Gaidam insists withdrawal of military aided abduction

Yobe State governor, Alhaji Ibrahim Gaidam, has stressed that the Boko Haram attacks in Government Girls Science Technical College, Dapchi and that of Buni Yadi in 2013 were aided by the withdrawal of military from their locations in the area. The governor, who is angered by recent happening with....

dailypost 28 Feb 2018

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/02/28/dapchi-attack-gaidam-insists-withdrawal-military-aided-abduction/>

Sahel

Conférence G5 Sahel à Bruxelles : 414 millions d euros en soutien à la Force conjointe

La communauté internationale a réaffirmé sa forte mobilisation pour la stabilité politique, la sécurité et le développement des pays du G5 Sahel. La Conférence internationale de haut niveau sur le Sahel qui s'est tenue vendredi 23 février 2018, à Bruxelles sous l'égide de l'Union européenne, des....

abamako 28 Feb 2018

<http://news.abamako.com/h/182256.html>

Réunion du Groupe des amis de la Réforme du Secteur de la Sécurité: speech by Minister Reynders

Intervention de Monsieur Didier Reynders Vice-Premier Ministre et Ministre des Affaires étrangères. à la Réunion du Groupe des amis de la Réforme du Secteur de la Sécurité Security Sector Reform in West Africa and the Sahel : Learning Lessons towards Sustaining Peace. New York, le 21 février 2018.

diplomatie 12:13:00 AM CET

https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/newsroom/news/2018/reunion_du_groupe_des_amis_de_la_reforme_du_secteur_de_la_securite

NORTH AFRICA

Egypt

Terror suspect asks DOJ to junk criminal raps

Egyptian national Fehmi Lassqued, who is being linked to ISIS, urged the Department of Justice (DOJ) on Wednesday to dismiss the complaint against him for illegal possession of firearms and explosives. Lassqued and his Filipina partner, Anabel Moncera Salipada, were arrested by policemen and....

abs-cbnnews 28 Feb 2018

<http://news.abs-cbn.com/news/02/28/18/terror-suspect-asks-doj-to-junk-criminal-raps>

Libya

Civilians killed as armed groups clash in Libyan south

Fighting between rival armed groups in the southern Libyan city of Sabha has left at least six civilians dead and wounded others, including women and children, a medical official said on Wednesday. Sporadic clashes between the Sixth Division, which is attached to the....

reuters 28 Feb 2018

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-libya-security/civilians-killed-as-armed-groups-clash-in-libyan-south-idUSKCNIGC2T0?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29

Mauritania

Terrorisme : Souvenirs d'un jihadiste retraité

Le journaliste Lemine Ould M. Salem a pu s'entretenir avec Abou Hafs al-Mauritani , l'ancien numéro trois d'Al Qaeda. Il en tire une prenante «Histoire secrète» du jihadisme contemporain. Les chefs jihadistes écrivent aussi leurs mémoires.

cridem 28 Feb 2018

http://www.cridem.org/C_Info.php?article=708461

INTERNATIONAL

America

US

US officially tags Maute a terrorist group

THE United States has officially branded the Maute Group as a foreign terrorist organization, a move that Malacañang described as a "positive development" on Wednesday, February 28. Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque Jr. said the Maute Group's inclusion in the roster of US foreign terrorist....

sunstar 28 Feb 2018

<http://www.sunstar.com.ph/manila/local-news/2018/02/28/us-officially-tags-maute-terrorist-group-591225>

American arrested on charges of trying to join Islamic State

An American citizen from California who was radicalised by online propaganda travelled overseas to try to join a branch of the Islamic State group in Libya, US prosecutors have said. A few days before he left in 2016, Bernard Augustine texted an unidentified relative, "If I ever get lucky enough to....

expressindia 28 Feb 2018

<http://indianexpress.com/article/world/american-arrested-on-charges-of-trying-to-join-islamic-state-5081272/>

US warns law enforcement partners of spreading IS threat

The United States warned judicial and law enforcement officials from around the world of the dangers posed by an increasingly de-centralized Islamic State group spreading to new regions. At a 2-day conference in Washington that concluded Wednesday, the US State Department designated....

abs-cbnnews 1:35:00 AM CET

<http://news.abs-cbn.com/overseas/03/01/18/us-warns-law-enforcement-partners-of-spreading-is-threat>

Asia

Azerbaijan

2,222 terrorists killed since launch of Operation Olive Branch

Since the beginning of the Operation Olive Branch, 2,222 terrorists have been killed in Syria's Afrin district, the Turkish General Staff said in a message March 1. In particular, 38 members of Kurdish Democratic Union Party (PYD), People's....

trendnews-az 9:33:00 AM CET

<https://en.trend.az/world/turkey/2867293.html>

Iraq

Thousands of Iraqis too scared to go home because of ISIS stigma

Hundreds of Iraqi families forced to flee last year's fighting in Mosul are being prevented from returning home by their communities because they had a relative who joined Islamic State, an aid worker said on Tuesday.

reliefWeb 28 Feb 2018

<https://reliefweb.int/report/iraq/thousands-iraqis-too-scared-go-home-because-isis-stigma>

Philippines

Military, police welcome designation of Maute as terror group

THE Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) welcomed on Wednesday, February 28, the inclusion of the Maute Group in the United States list of foreign terrorist organizations. “The inclusion of the Maute Group and ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria)....

sunstar 28 Feb 2018

<http://www.sunstar.com.ph/manila/local-news/2018/02/28/military-police-welcome-designation-maute-terror-group-591227>

Syria

Amid Turkish Assault, Kurdish Forces Are Drawn Away From U.S. Fight With ISIS

The United States-led campaign to hunt down the last pockets of Islamic State militants in Syria has lost its most effective fighting partner — Kurdish forces that are newly-focused on a Turkish assault — in what American military officials fear will stall a critical phase of the....

nytimes 28 Feb 2018

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/28/world/middleeast/syrian-kurds-isis-american-offensive.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

Russia violating duty to halt Syria's use of chemical weapons: U.S.

Russia has violated its duty to guarantee the destruction of Syria’s chemical weapons and prevent the Assad government from using banned poison gas, the United States said on Wednesday. “For Russia to claim that the Assad regime has eliminated its chemical stockpiles is just absurd.

reuters-in 28 Feb 2018

https://in.reuters.com/article/mideast-crisis-syria-chemicalweapons/russia-violating-duty-to-halt-syrias-use-of-chemical-weapons-u-s-idINKCN1GC1BL?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FINworldNews+%28News+%2F+IN+%2F+World+News%29

Defeating ISIS in Syria is just the beginning The Atlantic

Editor’s note: The opinions in this article are the author’s, as published by our content partner, and do not represent the views of MSN or Microsoft. As the world watches the Syrian government’s relentless bombing of Ghouta, 300 miles to the east, the United States remains....

msn-uk 28 Feb 2018

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/defeating-isis-in-syria-is-just-the-beginning/ar-BBJGAeL>

Turkey

Istanbul police detain 29 IS members

Istanbul police have detained 29 members of the Islamic State (IS) terrorist group as part of a special operation, the police said in a message Feb. 28. All detainees are foreign citizens who took part in armed conflicts in Iraq, Syria and Yemen, according to the message.

trendnews-az 28 Feb 2018

<https://en.trend.az/world/turkey/2867002.html>

Europe

France

Toulouse. Le jihadiste toulousain Sabri Essid exécuté en Syrie

Sabri Essid serait mort, n'en parlons plus. Quant à Fabien Clain, il est interdit de séjour en Europe, et ses biens confisqués. Mais il reste Français, car jusqu'à présent la France se refuse à créer l'apatridie pour un de ses citoyens. Vers quelle situation se dirige-t-on avec cet individu.

ladepeche 9:28:00 AM CET

<https://www.ladepeche.fr/article/2018/03/01/2751331-le-djihadiste-toulousain-sabri-essid-execute-en-syrie.html>

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Germany

perpétuité pour l'auteur d'une attaque islamiste meurtrière a Hambourg

Un demandeur d'asile palestinien auteur d'un attentat islamiste meurtrier au couteau en juillet 2017 à Hambourg en Allemagne a été condamné aujourd'hui à une peine de prison à perpétuité.

lefigaro 9:43:00 AM CET

<http://www.lefigaro.fr/flash-actu/2018/03/01/97001-20180301FILWWW00074-allemaigne-perpetuite-pour-l-auteur-d-une-attaque-islamiste-meurtriere-a-hambourg.php>

Hamburg Islamist knife attacker gets life in prison

Ahmad Alhaw, 27, had admitted to the murder and assaults in the river port city of Hamburg. In delivering the sentence, the judge noted the "particular severity" of the crime, lowering Alhaw's chances of obtaining early release on parole. Prosecutors had said the attack stemmed from a "radical...."

digitaljournal 9:42:00 AM CET

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/verdict-due-in-hamburg-islamist-knife-murder-trial/article/516150>

UK

Bangladeshi youth jailed in the UK for recruiting IS militants

A Bangladeshi national, who tried to recruit IS fighters around the world from his London home, has been jailed for seven years by a court in the UK. Mohammed Kamal Hussain, 28, sent thousands of messages aiming to generate support for the terrorist group using Facebook, WhatsApp and the Telegram....

thedailystarBD 28 Feb 2018

<http://www.thedailystar.net/country/bangladeshi-youth-jailed-the-uk-recruiting-militants-1541392>

Jihadi who showed son beheadings jailed over ISIS videos

A jobless father-of-four who shared videos glorifying on YouTube months after he was released from prison for showing his son beheading clips was jailed again today. Gary Staples, a 50 year old who was on disability benefits, showed violent footage of decapitations to his nine-year-old son.

dailymail 28 Feb 2018

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5440399/Jihadi-showed-son-beheadings-jailed-ISIS-videos.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490

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